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GOOD TIMES BREWING

A leprechaun hands out chocolate coins to kids at the St. Patrick's Day parade on Howe Street in Vancouver Sunday. Thousands turned out to the parade. More photos, page 4. KYLA JONAS/FOR METRO

VPD could adopt 'major shift' in sex-worker policy

Police. Draft guidelines call for more vigilant, caring approach

The Vancouver Police Board will consider new guidelines this week designed to significantly improve the safety and well-being of sex-trade workers.

Senior officers have been meeting with groups representing the industry since the missing-women inquiry began in October. They have been trying to find ways to improve relations that have become increasingly tense since serial killer Robert Pickton started murdering sex workers on the Downtown Eastside in the '90s.

The guidelines, which were drafted with the help of Pivot

Legal Society litigation director Katrina Pacey, state that all cases of violence or abuse of sex workers must be taken seriously, and that as soon as a worker makes an allegation an officer must be assigned to her case and ask whether she is connected to support services.

"This is the police department really acknowledging a major shift, saying, 'Look, we take violence against sex workers very seriously. In fact, it's a priority,'" said Pacey.

"The second thing that's of importance is the fact that police talk about all of the what I would call informal measures that can be taken before they go and arrest anyone."

The report calls for police to exercise respect and discretion when investigating complaints

about brothels, even going so far as to provide robes to workers they are questioning.

"That's a very important statement coming out of a department that obviously has had decades of very problematic policing practices," said Pacey, who has launched a constitutional challenge against the laws that criminalize certain aspects of sex work.

She said if the draft report passes inspection on Wednesday, Pivot will launch a large-scale campaign to educate sex workers about their rights under the new policy.

The missing-women inquiry is currently on a break after a lawyer appointed to represent aboriginal interests resigned. It will resume on April 2.

KATE WEBB/METRO

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Teachers' union schemes behind closed doors

Labour dispute. Teachers considering their options after government passes unpopular legislation

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They won't go gently into the night, but the form of teachers' opposition to Bill 22 won't take shape until midweek.

B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF) president Susan Lambert and the union's executive are drafting an action plan at the federation's annual general meeting in Vancouver.

But the outspoken leader refuses to divulge any details about what's happening behind closed doors.

"We're having a debate in committee, so how appropriate do you think that question is?" Lambert said when asked

by media about the action plan. "The only thing I can say at this point is that Bill 22 creates so much mischief in the public education system that teachers are very anxious about implementation of this bill. We're discussing the full range of possibilities."

The union's decision should be made public Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, she said.

Meanwhile, teachers have taken the government up on their offer to help pick a mediator — a legislated step in Bill 22 — and submitted a list of two preferred candidates.

They are B.C. Supreme Court Judge Stephen Kelleher and B.C. Court of Appeal Judge Ian Donald. Both have extensive mediation backgrounds.

Education Minister George Abbott is on a trip to China.

On Sunday, he signed a memorandum of understanding to build two B.C.-certified offshore schools in Shanghai.



B.C. Teachers' Federation president Susan Lambert speaks to media in Vancouver on Sunday during a break in behind-the-scenes discussions among union executives to determine what actions teachers can take to oppose Bill 22.
MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Man reflects concerns with welfare plan



Fraser Stuart walks in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside on Friday.

DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fraser Stuart laughed out loud when he heard the British Columbia government wants to train welfare recipients and then fly them north to fill a labour shortage.

Stuart, who lives in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and is currently receiving social assistance, doesn't want to work in the north, but he wants a job and he's more than willing to take the training to get it.

The 59-year-old worked for eight years in a homeless shelter in Montreal, and he wants to do the same in B.C. But he's been unable to pry the \$1,600 for a certification course from

the provincial government, and his \$610 monthly welfare cheque doesn't come close to covering it.

"Welfare won't pay for the course, so I can't work," Stuart said with a sigh.

Cabinet ministers in B.C.'s Liberal government spent last week floating an idea to train welfare recipients and fly them to northern B.C., where a labour shortage has left employers desperate for workers.

But Stuart said such a program won't help him.

He said he can't do the physical labour that will likely await anyone who ends up in

the northern oil and gas industry, and he wouldn't need to be on welfare if only he could find training in Vancouver.

"It's totally frustrating."

The problems Stuart is facing reflect some of the early concerns that have been raised about the proposal, which the province admits is still in its infancy, without any of the details thought through.

Critics have suggested the program won't work because it fails to address the underlying issues that leave some people on welfare, such as addiction, mental-health issues or physical ailments. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Nothing says St. Patrick's Day like a riot

St. Patrick's Day celebrations turned ugly as 1,000 rioters squared off with London, Ont., police and firefighters Saturday night. Watch at metronews.ca/video

Thousands came out to crowd the streets of Howe and Granville and check out the annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday. And the cold, wet weather didn't prevent anyone from having a great time. Are you green with envy?

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1 Leaping leprechauns.

Nice catch

A spectator leaps out in a spontaneous embrace of St. Patrick.

2 People everywhere.

Day had party atmosphere

Thousands line the parade route early Sunday.



Vancouver turns a wee bit Irish for St. Patrick's Day



3 Scaring up some fun. Dancers stick it to the spectators

Black Sheep Morris Dancers spook the crowd with their ragged clothing and strange stick dances.

4 Slipping into a little jig. Parade provides the largest of stages

The Sionnaine Irish Dancers perform an energetic dance with their curls bouncing and colourful dresses catching the wind.



5 Thrills abound.

The sights and the sounds

Two kids are shocked and awed by the bright and lively parade floating by.

6 Musical medley.

The pipes are calling

A musician loudly blows his bagpipes with his band as they march by spectators.

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With two children in public school, a home in a suburb of Calgary, and an annual household income of \$70,000, Peter and Kim have learned how to make the most of their money — and make it work for them.

Peter, 34, is an office manager at a downtown firm while Kim, 30, has just returned to the workforce and has a part-time job at a department store. They have a long-term financial goal to pay off their mortgage by the time Peter turns 60, and they have retirement and education savings plans in place too.

“We’re especially good at stretching our budget on food,” says Peter. “We plan meals ahead, shop the specials flyers and always pack lunches.” The couple also manages with one car. “On the days I’m scheduled to work nights, I drop him off at the C Train — and he takes public transit,” says Kim.

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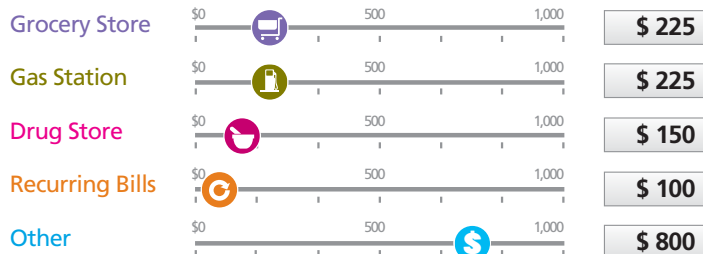
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Homicide investigation. One dead in suspected home invasion: Police

One person is dead after a possible Surrey home invasion Saturday night, according to homicide investigators.

While police have few details about the incident, the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) confirmed that officers were called out to a home in the 10800 block of 168th Street in Surrey at 11 p.m. after a man called 911 and claimed he had been stabbed.

When police arrived, they found a man in the basement suite of the home suffering from extensive head wounds.

He also appeared to have been pepper-sprayed.

The man in the home was taken to hospital and has

since been released.

A trail of blood led police outside to an unresponsive male.

He was declared dead when ambulance arrived on scene.

"It appears that this may be a case of an attempted home invasion or break-and-enter of some kind that turned into a physical struggle," said IHIT spokesperson Sgt. Jennifer Pound in a media release.

The identity of the man killed in the struggle has not been released.

Police say it's not clear if the two men knew each other, or what the motive of the home invasion may have been. **MATT KIELTYKA/METRO**

Robbery. Police arrest and charge third person in fatal shooting

A third person has been arrested and charged in connection to a fatal shooting of a Surrey man in what police described as a targeted home invasion last month.

Fabian Lyde, 18, of Richmond was arrested Friday and has been charged with second-degree murder and weapons-related offences.

He is scheduled to make an appearance in Surrey court Monday.

Kacey Rogers, 31, was shot and killed in his home in the 14000 block of Grosvenor Road on Feb. 26 just after 10 p.m.

Rogers is not known to police and is believed to have been a victim of a targeted attack.

Russell Bidesi, 21, of Sur-

rey and Joshua Martinez, 19, of New Westminster were arrested and charged with second-degree murder, robbery and firearms-related charges on Feb. 28. Both have been remanded in custody.

"The fact that three men have been arrested, charged and remain in custody, in only a matter of weeks, speaks to the dedication of all police jurisdictions involved," said RCMP Sgt. Jennifer Pound, of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team, in a statement.

"When it comes to the selfish act of taking a life, police officers from everywhere feel a need to bring the killers to justice."

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO



More than 250 people walk down Commercial Drive Sunday calling for an end to racism. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Hundreds march to end racism

**Standing up
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took place in East
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More than 250 people marched down Commercial Drive Sunday calling for an end to racism in Canada.

Harsha Walia, march organizer and member of No One Is Illegal, said the significance of walking down the East Vancouver neighbourhood is to denounce racism and hate crimes that took place in the area.

Two men accused of belonging to the B.C. faction of the white supremacist neo-Nazi group Blood and Honour are facing assault charges after allegedly setting a Filipino man on fire as he slept on a couch on Commercial Drive in 2009.

"Racism is an issue that affects our communities on a daily basis," she said.

"It's not a once-a-year kind

of thing. We can choose to ignore it or we can take responsibility for it and do what we can to counter it."

Hanane Benzidane, of the Philippine Women Centre, said they joined the march to stand in solidarity with other local groups to combat racist policies and acts that are happening in our own backyard.

"We will not be silenced and afraid because of that hate," she said, adding she was surprised when she first heard the news about the alleged attack on the Filipino man.

"I was shocked to hear that in the 21st century in

Vancouver, which is a city in a country that purports to be a very multicultural country, accepting and tolerant of other cultures, that there are groups that are still allowed by the justice and policing systems to still exist legally and freely in our country," Benzidane added.

Vancouver Kingsway MP Don Davies said multiculturalism is a "joyous part of our country" and work needs to be done to stamp out intolerance.

"While we need to be positive of how far we've come, we still need to be aware of where we need to go," he said.



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Police probe St. Patrick's Day violence in London, Ont.

Civil disobedience.

People who witnessed, participated in Saturday riot near London college asked to come forward



ANGELA MULLINS
Metro in London

Increased police patrols and more visits from bylaw-enforcement officers are expected in the neighbourhood around Fanshawe College in London, Ont., after St. Patrick's Day parties spun out of control late Saturday.

Eleven people — seven of whom are Fanshawe students — have been arrested on charges including resisting arrest, assaulting police and unlawful assembly, police Chief Brad Duncan said Sunday morning. More arrests

are expected as investigators compile witness statements and comb through videos and photos posted on social-media sites, Duncan said.

What happened was nothing less than a riot fuelled by a mob mentality that saw beer bottles and bricks thrown at police and firefighters, Duncan said.

Seventeen police vehicles were damaged and some officers had minor injuries. At least \$100,000 worth of damage was done to city property, including broken streetlights and melted asphalt from at least one fire.

It was "the worst case of civil disobedience that our community has ever been subjected to," the chief said. "(There) ... was a complete disregard for the police presence. In fact, I've heard some of our officers refer to it as a war zone.... They've never experienced that kind of volatility."

The mob reached about 1,000 people at its peak.



An mob consisting of an estimated 1,000 people took over Fleming Drive in London, Ont., Saturday night. ARTEM ROSNOVSKIY/FOR METRO

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Occupy protesters forced out by police

Zuccotti Park.

Seventy-three detained at protests to mark six months of Occupy Wall Street

Protesters marking the six-month mark since the start of the Occupy movement were taken into custody by police officers who poured into Zuccotti Park after warning those who had gathered there that it was closed.

Police said 73 people were detained. It was unclear how many were still in custody Sunday afternoon.

Some demonstrators had locked arms and sat down in the middle of Zuccotti Park near Wall Street — where the protest movement started last September — after police announced on a bullhorn at around 11:30 p.m. Saturday that the park was closed.

Officers then entered the park, forcing out most of



Robert Neuwirth types on an old-fashioned typewriter as part of an art project in Zuccotti Park before a march to celebrate sixth months of the protest movement on Saturday in New York. JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the crowd and surrounding a small group that stayed behind. Police formed a human ring around the park to

keep protesters out.

An unused public transit bus was brought in to cart away about a dozen demon-

strators in plastic handcuffs. One female under arrest was taken away in an ambulance.

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Germany. Activist Joachim Gauck named country's new president

A far-reaching majority of lawmakers elected former East German pro-democracy activist Joachim Gauck as Germany's new president Sunday.

The 72-year-old Gauck is an outspoken former Lutheran pastor and relentless advocate of democracy and civil rights who enjoyed the backing of most major parties. He received 991 of the 1,232 ballots cast.

The ex-communist Left party's candidate Beate Klarsfeld secured 126 votes, the far right NPD party's candidate Olaf Rose only three, and there were 108 abstentions, said Norbert Lammert, the president of



Joachim Gauck
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Germany's Parliament.

Gauck appeared moved as he accepted the election to become the country's new head of state, a largely ceremonial role.

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Allegedly al-Qaida

German man faces 10 years as terror trial kicks off

A German-Afghan man whose information helped prompt terrorism warnings across Europe in 2010 goes on trial Monday on charges

that he was a member of al-Qaida and another terrorist group.

Ahmad Wali Siddiqui was captured by U.S. troops in Afghanistan in July 2010 and while in custody provided details on alleged al-Qaida plots supposedly targeting European cities.

No attacks materialized.

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Charges expected in Afghan killing spree



Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, accused of killing 16 Afghan villagers, participates in an exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., in this photo from last year. SPC. RYAN HALLOCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/DVIDS

Military trial. Lawyer for sergeant accused of killings to visit with client in light of looming charges

With formal charges looming against his client within days, the lawyer for an army sergeant suspected in the horrific nighttime slaughter of 16 Afghan villagers was flying Sunday to Kansas and preparing for his first face-to-face meeting with the 10-year veteran.

John Henry Browne of Seattle said he planned to meet Monday with army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, who is being

What happened?

- **Alleged.** Military officials say that after drinking on a southern Afghanistan base, Bales crept away on March 11 to two slumbering villages overnight, shooting his victims and setting many of them on fire. Nine of the 16 killed were children and 11 belonged to one family.

held in an isolated cell at the Fort Leavenworth maximum security military prison.

Bales, 38, hasn't been charged in the March 11 shootings, which have endangered relations between

the U.S. and Afghanistan and threaten to upend U.S. policy over the decade-old war.

But formal charges are expected to be filed within a week and if the case goes to court the trial will be held in the United States, said a legal expert with the U.S. military familiar with the investigation.

Bales' defence team said in a statement Saturday that "it is too early to determine what factors may have played into this incident and the defence team looks forward to reviewing the evidence, examining all of Sergeant Bales' medical and personnel records, and interviewing witnesses."

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Shooting

U.S. teacher shot dead in Yemen

Two gunmen on a motor-cycle shot dead early Sunday an American teacher working at a language institute in a central Yemeni city, the region's provincial governor said.

Hamoud al-Sufi said the teacher was shot in his car in Taiz City. He did not have details on who the killers might be, and said an investigation is ongoing.

Much of Yemen saw a collapse of central state authority during the year-long uprising against longtime leader Ali Abdullah Saleh.

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Syrian rebels. Hundreds flee to Turkey to regroup, face weapons shortages



Syrian rebel commander Ahmad Mhibzt gestures during an interview with The Associated Press in Gorenas, Turkey, Sunday. SELCAN HACAOLU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrian rebels are regrouping despite some bitter defeats at the hands of President Bashar Assad's regime, and a top priority is finding weapons and ammunition to boost their firepower, a man who identified himself as a low-ranking rebel commander told The Associated Press.

Ahmad Mhibzt, who said he was a sergeant who defected from the Syrian army, is one of hundreds, possibly thousands, of rebels who have fled to Turkey, where many hope to turn the tide of the fight back in their favour.

"We are regrouping," Mhibzt insisted Sunday.

"We are working on finding weapons."

In recent weeks, as the uprising against Assad wrapped up its first year, Syrian government forces retook some key rebel-held areas in the country.

On March 1, after nearly four weeks of relentless shelling that killed hundreds of people, the government reclaimed the Baba Amr neighbourhood in the city of Homs.

On Tuesday, government forces retook the town of Idlib after a bloody, three-day operation close to the border with Turkey.

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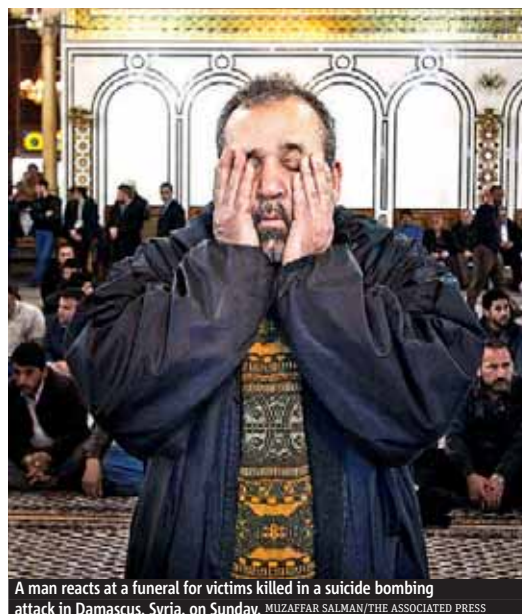
2 killed, 30 injured as blast rocks city in northern Syria

Bombings. Aleppo and capital Damascus struck by a number of deadly explosions since December

An explosion struck near a Syrian government security building in the northern city of Aleppo Sunday while a harsh security crackdown prevented opposition rallies marking one year since the first nationwide protests of the uprising against President Bashar Assad.

The Syrian state news agency called the Aleppo explosion a "terrorist bombing" and said one policeman and one female civilian were killed, while 30 were injured. It was the second attack in two days on regime strongholds. Three suicide bombings in the capital Damascus on Saturday killed 27 people.

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A man reacts at a funeral for victims killed in a suicide bombing attack in Damascus, Syria, on Sunday. MUZAFFAR SALMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Humanitarian crisis

Red Cross seeks Syrian foreign aid corridor

The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross says he will meet with Russia's foreign minister Monday seeking a daily break in fighting in Syria to improve access for aid workers.

ICRC president Jakob Kellenberger says his meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will focus on areas affected by the uprising against President Bashar Assad where the humanitarian situation "remains extremely difficult and could deteriorate further."

Kellenberger said Sunday the Red Cross "is asking for an unambiguous commitment" from all parties to arrange a daily cessation in Syrian fighting for at least two hours.

He says a humanitarian corridor is "essential" for emergency medical evacuations and bringing aid to vulnerable people swiftly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Recovery has a long way to go

Speaking at a conference in Beijing the head of the International Monetary Fund warned Sunday against complacency about global finance despite improved conditions.

Christine Lagarde said the global economic recovery will be "a marathon, not a sprint."

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Oil spill

Brazil to charge Chevron execs

Brazilian prosecutors said Saturday they will file criminal charges against 17 executives of Chevron Corp. and drilling contractor Transocean Ltd. for a new oil leak near the offshore well where at least 416,000 litres spilled late last year.

Those targeted include George Buck, chief operating officer for Chevron's Brazilian division, federal prosecu-



George Buck, Chevron Brazil CEO
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tors' spokesman Marcelo del Negri said by telephone.

Prosecutors have also asked the court for an order prohibiting the 17 from leaving the country, he said.

A spokeswoman for Chevron in Brazil said the company had no comment because it had not been notified of the decision. She asked not to be identified in line with internal regulations. On Thursday, Chevron confirmed that there was a "small new oil seepage" and that it was working to collect the crude.

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Free trade?

Thailand has offer for Harper

Thailand is planning a pitch to open free-trade talks with Canada this week, as Prime Minister Stephen Harper begins his second Asia trip in three months.

Thailand will position itself as a comfortable entry point from which Canada could make further inroads throughout South Asia — raising the potential of a broader trade deal with the region's emerging, 10-country ASEAN bloc.

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Economists

Action urged on mortgages

Pressure is building on Finance Minister Jim Flaherty to intervene again on mortgages to keep Canada's housing market and household debt in check.

TD Bank's chief economist Craig Alexander has suggested three options and asks the minister to choose one, including reducing the maximum amortization on mortgages to 25 years from 30 or hiking the minimum down payment to seven per cent from five.

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OK, class, what's the difference between a trial balloon and a lead balloon?

A lead balloon is a trial balloon that is much, much heavier than air and sinks into the ground the moment it's launched.

Best recent example: The B.C. government's scheme, announced a few days ago by Finance Minister Kevin Falcon, to send Vancouver's welfare recipients "up North" to work. Or find work. The message tied to the balloon isn't that clear.

What is clear is that the government hasn't spent much time thinking about it. Even Dawson Creek Mayor Mike Bernier, who made headlines by passing out business cards to members of

This is a job strategy?

"We can't just send a bunch of people to Dawson Creek and say 'There you go, find a job.'"

Dawson Creek Mayor Mike Bernier
In response to B.C. finance minister's suggestion to send Vancouver's welfare recipients "up North" to work.

qualify for — and for some reason haven't got — in Vancouver? Where would they live (and live on) while they were hunting or training for a job? "It's not," said the mayor, "like we have just a bunch of vacant places for people to live in and go to school."

Throughout the North, officials are scratching their heads and letting their inside voices creep out into the open.

But does anyone seriously believe the government is going to send welfare recipients to, er, Siberia to find work? Seriously? It was just a trial balloon, tailored to make conservatives think the government is getting tough on freeloaders.

When challenged, Premier Clark can crank up the perky and characterize it as part of her fabulously successful jobs strategy, but the real point is pretty clear. If these welfare bums really want to work, there's work. Up North somewhere.

For just a second, it would be nice to think this is a real opportunity for people looking for a second chance. But if that's the case, why doesn't the government wait until it has a real program outlined, as opposed to launching some vague musings about flying a bunch of welfare recipients up North?

Because that's the program, that's why. Blow up a trial balloon, set it adrift, watch it sink and move on to something else. Maintain your So-cred.

They may be fresh out of ideas in Liberal Party HQ, but there's still plenty of hot air. Watch for more heavy metal balloons.

Grand poobah of Chinese tea



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Exotic brew

Businessman selling tea grown in panda poo

A girl holds up tea leaves collected from a tea plantation fertilized with panda droppings in Ya'an in southwest China's Sichuan province Saturday.

Businessman An Yanshi is promoting the green tea, which he fertilized with the panda droppings.

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Just the bear facts



of much nutritional value.

- The panda lives a low-energy, sedentary lifestyle but persists in eating some 60 species of bamboo.

- Pandas must eat upwards of 30 pounds of bamboo daily just to stay full.

Source: WWF Travel Blog

Panda-ing to tea lovers

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Yanshi stands on a truckload of panda droppings collected to be used as fertilizers for his tea farm. He wants to sell 21 commemorative sets packaged with 50 grams of tea, panda-themed tea sets and his own artworks for the price of around \$3,500 US.

Weird news

Taking highway to heaven in a sidecar hearse

A German man says people are dying for a ride in the sidecar of one of his Harley hearses — literally.

Joerg Grossmann said Friday that his prototype hearse for die-hard bikers who want to ride until the very end — a special sidecar fitted to his motorcycle — made its first funeral run last month.

The original's a Kawa-

saki but the 48-year-old from near Frankfurt says 10 of his patented Harley hearses, each costing about \$78,000 US, are currently being assembled and will be ready later this year.

He's counting on 1,000 bookings per year in Germany alone and already has a contract in Switzerland and is in talks elsewhere.

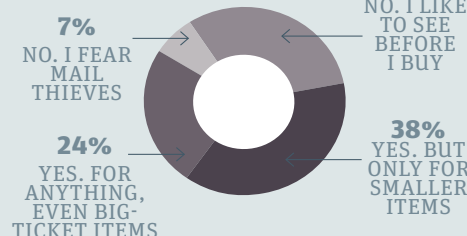
He says people are really excited about the Harley hearse: "It's something special."

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Judging by the hangovers I see, I'm guessing the day after St. Patrick's was when the British snuck in.

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Box office

21 Jump Street leaps to No. 1

21 Jump Street opened as the No. 1 weekend movie with \$35 million. Sony's action comedy starring Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum took down the animated hit Dr. Seuss' the Lorax. The Lorax took second-place with \$22.8 million. At No. 3 was John Carter.

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On the Web



In da club: Eminem drops in on 50 Cent's Get Rich or Die Tryin South By Southwest show



Actor Benjamin Walker says the makeup and training was intense for Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. HANDOUT

Benjamin Walker gets a crash course in stardom

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. Actor playing America's 16th president is still getting used to press tours and conventions



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Metro World News in Hollywood

As the title character in the movie Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter, which comes out in June, Benjamin Walker is getting something of a crash course in the publicity side of show business. The Juilliard-trained, Broadway-seasoned actor dons the stovepipe hat — and grabs an axe — to show

a different side to America's 16th president. And he's loving every minute of it.

You don't have a lot of experience with press tours and conventions just yet, do you?

No, this is intense. I'm learning. Frankly, this is my full-time job. It's so strange because making the movie I thought would be a full-time job. Selling the movie is a full-time job. Talking about it.

How have the questions been? They've been good. I think people are genuinely curious. They don't have to manufacture curiosity about this project because it's kind of out there.

It's all in the title, really.

Exactly. But I don't think people believe we're really taking it

seriously. They're like, "So it's a comedy?" I'm like, "No, it's a period movie about Lincoln." When the first trailer came out, it kind of changed perceptions. We're not playing around.

You did your fair share for this film, between training and makeup.

Yeah, they kicked my ass, man. The makeup was six hours a day. And then you go to work. Then there's your 18-hour work day.

Are you allowed to sleep in the makeup chair?

I can't, because it's so uncomfortable. But what we did do was we rigged up a little flat-screen TV and watched three movies a sitting. And I got to watch all the movies I should've seen. Like we worked our way

through Kurosawa. It was kind of amazing. And naturally the makeup guys were really into fantasy and special effects, and they showed me a bunch of great special effects movies. I got the history of special effects. And we also watch all the vampire movies ever made.

How was working with Timur Bekmambetov, your director on this film?

He's just a straight-shooter, man. "This is what it is, this is what we're making, buckle up." He's remarkable. He's like a professional six-year-old who has these fantastical ideas just out of nowhere. You never knew what you were going to be shooting on the day, and I love that. It was really kind of guerilla imagination work. You had the structure of Lincoln's

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life — we're really not playing with the events of his life. And Timur's so visually good. We'd do something 30 or 50 takes and I'm going, "What the f— is the problem?" And then he'd show me the dailies and it'd be, "Oh, that's why you did it? Do another 100. Do it until you get it." It's one thing to have a cool shot, but he has cool shots that are augmenting the story, that give you a perspective on what's happening ... and to me that's the goal.

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Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt learns about what it takes to be Bruce Willis

Looper. Gordon-Levitt plays a young Willis in sci-fi film with a time travel twist. How he channelled the iconic actor.



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After first teaming up on the high school noir *Brick*, actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt and writer-director Rian Johnson are back together for the mind-bending science-fiction flick *Looper*. Gordon-Levitt stars as a man who works as a time travel-assisted hit man for the mob who one day is confronted with a challenging target: his older self, played by Bruce Willis. While the film doesn't reach theatres until September, the pair hit WonderCon, in Anaheim, Calif., to begin the careful campaign of building



Joseph Gordon-Levitt says he had a lot of fun studying the mannerisms of Bruce Willis for *Looper*. HANDOUT

interest in their new film.

You're bringing a movie like this to WonderCon, but obviously you don't want to give away too much about it. What's the fine line you walk to generate interest

without giving too much away?

Rian Johnson: We were just having this conversation on the elevator, so we'll test it out on you. I don't know, it's weird because when you first

start talking about a movie you have to figure out what to say and what to not say — especially with something like this. We're showing the first teaser trailer here and releasing a photo, and one of the big elements of the movie

is how we made Joe into a younger version of Bruce Willis. I feel like that's kind of the first big thing we're showing people, how we attempted that. The two big elements of that were makeup and Joe's performance.

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How much of a challenge was that for you, Joe, being turned into a young Bruce Willis?

Joseph Gordon-Levitt: It's kind of a dream. One of the things — if not the thing — I love about acting is becoming somebody else, and when you literally change your face that's a transition that's different from any other performance that I've ever done in my life. So there was the makeup, and then also just hanging around with Bruce, getting to know him, watching his movies and studying them, listening to his voice on my iPod all the time, developing that character. It was really fun.



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Hot summer in store for moviegoers

WonderCon. There's plenty of tantalizing tidbits to take home from weekend event



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MWN in Hollywood

The summer movie season is fast approaching, and with that in mind the big Hollywood studios headed to WonderCon — the little brother to July's monster San Diego Comic-Con — to show off some of their coming attractions. Here's what we learned about some of the biggest films offering up teasers this weekend.

Prometheus

It's not a prequel, for real:

While Ridley Scott's *Prometheus* has long been hinted at as having connections to his classic *Alien* and the films that followed it, Scott and writer Damon Lindelof are making the rounds to explain that this is not, in fact, a prequel.

"This word prequel was the elephant in the room and



Logan Marshall-Green, left, Noomi Rapace, and Michael Fassbender explore a planet in *Prometheus*. HANDOUT

had to be discussed," Lindelof says. "Normally that's the definition of a prequel, is that it precedes the other movies. So the *Star Wars* prequels are going to end with Darth Vader going, 'Noooo!' Unfortunately. And there's an inevitability to watching a prequel of going, 'If the end of this movie is just going to be the room that John Hurt walks into that's full of eggs, there's nothing interesting in that.'"

Michael Fassbender is playing an android:

Artificial humans are an im-

portant part of the universe of the *Alien* films, and that's no different in *Prometheus*, Scott revealed while discussing Fassbender's character, David.

"There's nothing new about an android, there's nothing new about a robot. In fact, it's 100 years old, that idea," Scott says. "In a sense he's not just a butler, he's housekeeper, maintenance man, everything."

The fact that Fassbender is playing essentially a manufactured product brought up other notions as well, according to Lindelof. "David is mass-produced, so there's

20,000 other David units out there who look exactly like Michael Fassbender. What a wonderful world that would be, wouldn't it?"

Snow White and the Huntsman

Kristen Stewart is still a hit with convention audiences:

"It was fun. It was nice to arrive with someone like Kristen as a little secret," says director Rupert Sanders, who surprised the WonderCon panel with an appearance by Stewart.

"Outside of *Twilight* —

which everyone thinks she actually is Bella for some reason — she's such a good actor and she encompassed that role so well that people think that's how she is. And when you meet Kristen, she's so far away from that character."

There will be blood:

"It's its own story. If there's a desire for people to want to continue with those characters — I think there will be, they're such great characters, they're well-played," Sanders say on the topic of a possible sequel to the fairy tale film. "A couple of

people end up dead, so I'd have to fill those shoes."

The Amazing Spider-Man They're taking a decidedly literary approach:

"We had to define ourselves," director Marc Webb says of restarting the franchise. "Doing a movie like this, it's like a sonnet. There's a form that you have to adhere to, to a certain degree, but there's enormous flexibility within those barriers and within those restrictions. In terms of fan expectations, there's such a variety that you can't really pick and choose."

Geeks are picky about hair colour:

Emma Stone, who stars as Peter Parker's love interest Gwen Stacy, admits she was completely caught off guard by how much *Spider-Man* fans criticized her casting based purely on her hair. "I'm blond. I mean, my actual hair is blond. I dye it red usually. It's incredible how much people care about hair and ask about hair," Stone says. "In the comics she's got really, really light blond hair. With the costumes and the look of the makeup, you want to try to bring that character to life."

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George Clooney

Post-arrest: Clooney embraces his activist street cred

George Clooney is taking his recent arrest in stride.

"It's on my permanent record. And you know that picture's going to be all over everything," the actor and activist said during a press conference after his release.

Clooney was arrested for assembling outside the Sudanese

embassy in Washington, D.C.

"Listen, what we've been trying to achieve today is we're trying to bring attention to an ongoing emergency," he said.

"You never know if you're going to accomplish anything, all we're trying to do is bring attention to a moment. We hope this brings attention to it."

Did Biebs over-imbibe with Selena and his grandparents?

Justin Bieber and girlfriend Selena Gomez reportedly had a bit of a rough night out in Florida after drinking too much at a sports bar before getting into an argument, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

"Justin stormed out of the bar and Selena chased him to the car," a source says.

"His security team drove them down the street to an alley where they had a private conversation. They then returned to the restaurant and upon leaving they all seemed like they had a little too much to drink even though they aren't old enough to drink."

But the bar's owner, Mark Ferguson, insists that while Bieber's grandparents were drinking, the young stars were not.



Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez

Twitter



@HowardStern

New Macy Gray Cd really good. But why does music depress me so much? Bianca at my feet snoring and I get sad that she's so old.



@CarrieFisher

"If I felt half as good as you looked, I'd go out and kill myself while it lasted." —from some old movie



@1capplegate

Woohoo Friday night sitting here playing words with friends woohoooo!!!



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Can jazz enthusiasts admit that we all secretly hate listening to scatting?

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

They kiss, we tell.

Hollywood's new, secret romances



THE WORD

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Who's been in Hollywood, K-I-S-S-I-N-G?

Well, if you look towards the Chateau Marmont, you'll find a lot of new, smooching couples.

First up? Sources say Jason Segel has been quietly dating My Week with Marilyn star Michelle Williams for about a month, according to Us Weekly.

The pair reportedly first got acquainted during a four-hour date at the Chateau Marmont late last month.

"They were super giggly," a source says of Segel and Williams, who were briefly joined by her pal Busy Phillips that evening. Segel is keeping mum on the news, saying only, "I don't comment on my personal life these days."

And Cameron Diaz and Jude Law apparently also turned heads recently at the Chateau Marmont as well, when they reportedly were spotted making out on the patio, according to Hollyscoop.

Witnesses say Law picked up a \$400 bar tab before the two headed to one of the bar's private bungalows.

But that apparently wasn't private enough, as another patron is said to have shouted, "Get a room!" at the pair, who left shortly after.



Michelle Williams



Jason Segel ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Rosie O'Donnell and Oprah break up

Well, that was quick: On Friday, Oprah Winfrey's OWN network cancelled Rosie O'Donnell's The Rosie Show after only six months on air.

OWN says it was because of "poor ratings" — and true, the ratings were a disaster — but reports are coming out that O'Donnell was also less than an ideal boss.

A former staffer told The Daily Beast that

the show "was a fucking hell-hole," and partially blamed O'Donnell's management style for its demise.

The numbers speak for themselves: O'Donnell's new show averaged 186,000 viewers, with all-time low of 60,000 for one episode — a far cry from when she reigned as The Queen of Nice on her late 90s institution The Rosie O'Donnell Show, which pulled in five million viewers daily. This doesn't bode well for Oprah. What's next? Getting Montell on the phone?



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The majority of Canadian Internet users look up medical info. iStock

Internet advice is not meant to replace your doc

Medicine. Think twice before diagnosing yourself or your children with a Google search

When Melodie Moore was recovering from a broken heart and wondering why her relationship had soured, Dr. Google had the answer: borderline personality disorder.

"I wanted to know what was wrong with me, that this boy didn't want to be with me," said the 22-year-old from Markham, Ont. Soon she had diagnosed herself with several ailments, including BPD and narcissistic personality disorder.

Moore was reading about personality disorders in preparation for her psychology studies. She hopes to begin an undergraduate degree at Trent University this fall.

"We live in the information age, but information can be a catch-22," said Moore. "It can be helpful, but the analytical side of us can also over-think things."

Moore is experiencing what Oakville psychiatrist Dr. Kenny Handelman calls "medical school syndrome." It's what happens to first-year med students when they start study-

ing various diseases. Suddenly a simple headache becomes a brain tumour, a rash morphs into flesh-eating disease.

But with the wealth of medical information now available to all of us at the click of a mouse, it's not just medical students and hypochondriacs who are likely to panic. More and more Canadians are going online to play doctor — and some are even replacing visits to the clinic with Google searches.

At sites like webmd.com, users can enter their symptoms and have the site generate a diagnosis for them.

Having access to all this information is, generally speaking, a positive thing. It certainly can help us detect problems sooner. It can also be helpful coming in to the doctor's office well-informed to improve the quality of care that patients receive, said Handelman. "They can be active participants in their health care."

Guy-Justin Lowe, a 25-year-old customer service representative in Toronto, started using Google and webmd.com to take control of his health care when he felt like the answers he was getting from his doctor were too vague.

"I wouldn't say that I'm a hypochondriac, but I have used the Internet before seeing him sometimes just so that I get a general idea of what

might be wrong with me," said Lowe.

But the Internet has also been known to incite panic, especially in people who are anxious about their health. This phenomenon has become so widespread that the term "cyberchondria" has been coined to describe it.

According to Statistics Canada, about 70 per cent of Canadian Internet users looked up medical information in 2009. That's up from 59 per cent in 2007.

Judy Thompson, a family practitioner at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto, says it isn't just the young, tech-savvy generation of Canadians who are going online to diagnose their problems.

"Believe it or not, the Internet is very much as big an issue for some of my 60- to 70-year-olds as it is for the younger generation," said Thompson.

The trouble, she adds, is that patients can be led astray by incorrect information.

"We're not discouraging people from reading the Internet, but one of the things I try to do in my practice is try to point them towards helpful sites like fpmnotebook.com or familydoctor.org," said Thompson. "The Internet is meant to supplement your health care. It's not meant to replace your health-care provider."

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3 LIFE

Pregnancy & Chickenpox

New guidelines

New guidelines suggest women who are thinking about getting pregnant or who become pregnant should know whether they are immune to chickenpox.

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada says pregnant women or women planning to conceive need to know their immunity status because of the risk the chickenpox virus poses both to them and their fetus during pregnancy.

The guidelines say pregnant women who have an hour or more of exposure to someone with chickenpox should inform their health-care provider.

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On the Web



Look who's talking about Sasha, Malia. It's Dad, keeping them in the conversation.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month



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Get a bite of the healthy goodness packed into this legume



This recipe makes 32 Lentil Balls. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkish Red Lentil Balls. The slight crunch of bulgur wheat compliments the smooth texture of the lentils in this dish

1 In a saucepan, bring 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) of water to boil. Add lentils and simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally, 15 minutes or until soft. Mix in bulgur, cover pot and remove from heat. Let mixture rest for 15 minutes or until residual liquid is absorbed by bulgur.

2 Meanwhile, in a skillet heat oil over medium heat. Add onion and sauté 8 mins. or until soft and translucent. Stir in harissa and cumin; cook, stirring constantly, 2 mins. Transfer to a mixing bowl; set aside.

3 Once lentils and bulgur are cooked, add to onion mix along with most of the green onions and parsley. Season with salt and pepper and mix well to form a thick dough.

4 Keeping hands wet, mould about 15 ml (1 heaping tbsp) of the lentil mix into football-shaped balls. Place each ball in one of the lettuce pieces and arrange on a serving platter. Garnish with remaining green onions and parsley and drizzle with additional olive oil. Serve with lemon wedges to squeeze over before eating. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) uncooked red lentils, rinsed and drained
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fine bulgur, uncooked
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) harissa (red chili) paste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) ground cumin
- 3 green onions, finely sliced
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt
- Black pepper
- Boston lettuce, torn into 30 pieces
- Lemon wedges

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Rougemount Apple Juice (1 cup)

110 calories, 26 g sugar, 27 g carbs

This brand has less calories, sugar and carbs. It makes for a better choice, but keep liquid calories to a minimum.



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Caring for your health



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I work in a nursing home and the chemicals we use to clean and disinfect make some staff sick. Are there cleaners that a health-care facility can use safely?
Donna of Vancouver

Yes!
Health-care facilities must meet cleanliness standards that are often

higher than those we follow at home.

For example, most doctors will tell you to wash with soap and water only — avoid antibacterial products like those with triclosan.

In fact, the Canadian Medical Association is calling on the federal government to ban all anti-bacterial household products because of fears they cause bacterial resistance.

I recommend you contact the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care and search their green products and services directory at greenhealthcare.ca.

They have reviewed cleaning products used in places like hospitals and offer recommendations for greener choices.

Each organization, product and service listed in the directory has in some way distinguished itself as "green."

Note: The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care cannot independently verify the environmental qualities of each product and service. However, they offer a We Support Green Health Care logo, which signifies that the provider is a founding partner of the Canadian

Standards

"Health-care facilities must meet cleanliness standards that are often higher than those we follow at home"

Coalition for Green Health Care. Also, a Third Party Certification logo indicates that the product/service has achieved a third-party environmental certification. Finally, the ChemTRAC logo indicates that the product uses safer chemicals.



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Labour of love. Meet a couple who left their power suits behind in pursuit of a better quality of life

Grape advice

"If life was all about being sensible, then great things in this world such as fabulous wine just wouldn't come to be."

Cynthia and David Enns, owners of Laughing Stock Vineyards

Drink in the day

Two entrepreneurs share their best business secrets:

- Have a business plan and learn how to sell.
- Do what you do best and be passionate about what you're doing.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. We hired consultants because we're not going to pretend that we know it all.

• Be well capitalized. The power of leverage is amazing if you can match your borrowing with the outcome of your business.

• If life was all about being sensible, then great things in this world, such as fabulous wine, just wouldn't come to be.

Cynthia and David Enns gave up their lucrative investment careers to follow a passion for making wine. They got their humble start in a friend's Vancouver garage.

"I thought I would be the laughing stock of the neighbourhood if I spent \$25,000 on equipment and didn't come up with a good wine," says David.

The Enns didn't disappoint and after a stint in wine making school and a world wide search for the perfect place to start their winery, they settled in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley.

Nine years later they are turning a profit and their Laughing Stock wines are winning numerous awards.

Their humour and love of life are obvious when you talk to the couple. They are

also a good team, with David making the wine and Cynthia watching the bottom line.

"I'm good with a spreadsheet but I'm also not afraid to get my hands dirty in the vineyard," says Cynthia.

Although they call the winery their "vow of poverty" they would never go back to the corporate world.

"I'm never putting on a suit again," David says with a laugh. "Besides, I've burnt all my ties."



Cynthia and David Enns chose wine country over the Wall Street hustle. PROVIDED

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Tennis

Federer tops Isner in California

Roger Federer defeated John Isner 7-6 (7), 6-3 to win his record fourth BNP Paribas Open title on Sunday in Indian Wells, Calif.

Victoria Azarenka routed Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-3 for the women's title. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Soccer

Bolton player in critical condition

Bolton player Fabrice Muamba was still fighting for his life in intensive care on Sunday night, remaining in critical condition a day after collapsing during a match because of a cardiac arrest.

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Fabrice Muamba STU FORSTER/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Bautista powers Jays to victory

Jose Bautista hit his third home run of spring training and Philadelphia's Cole Hamels gave up five runs and eight hits in 3 1/3 innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Phillies 10-2 on Sunday.

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Curling



"All we look at is how we're playing as a whole and I like what I see."

Canadian skip Heather Nedohin after winning her second in a row to open the women's curling world championships with a 7-5 victory over Bingyu Wang of China on Sunday in Lethbridge, Alta.

Crosby silenced as Flyers put end to Penguins' streak

NHL. Pittsburgh captain held pointless as Philadelphia rallies for overtime victory

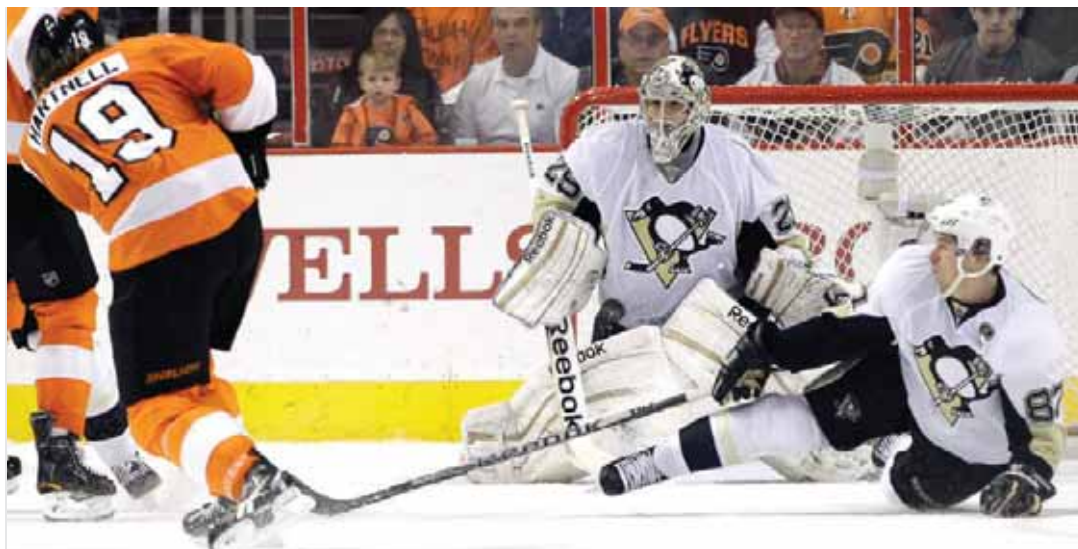
Scott Hartnell needed every last tick of the clock to score the timeliest of goals for the Flyers.

Hartnell scored his second goal of the game with less than one second left in overtime to lift the Flyers to a 3-2 victory over the Penguins in Philadelphia on Sunday, snapping Pittsburgh's 11-game winning streak.

Hartnell took a nice cross-ice feed from Danny Briere to beat Marc-Andre Fleury with 0.9 seconds left on the clock.

Kimmo Timonen also scored to help the Flyers rally from a 2-0 hole against the NHL's hottest team. Hartnell and Timonen scored in the third period against a weary Pittsburgh team playing their third road game in four days.

"I don't know if we were trying to be too fancy, but we wore them down at the end," Hartnell said. "Good things happen when you put the puck to the net and that happened tonight."



Philadelphia's Scott Hartnell scores an overtime goal on Pittsburgh's Marc-Andre Fleury and a sliding Sidney Crosby on Sunday. **MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Evgeni Malkin and Craig Adams each scored for the Penguins. Sidney Crosby played in the third game of his comeback following a three-month absence caused by recurring concussion symptoms. It was Pittsburgh's first loss since Feb. 19.

The Penguins also blew their chance to move into a

tie with the slumping New York Rangers for first place in the Eastern Conference. One day after losing a shootout in Boston, the Flyers moved two points behind Pittsburgh and three behind the Rangers.

Because of penalties, the overtime featured 3-on-3 hockey. Hartnell ended it with his

35th goal.

There was a playoff atmosphere from the start of the game — the first of three between the rivals at the tail end of the regular season.

Crosby, who had five assists in his first two games back, failed to earn a point and didn't make an impact against the Fly-

ers.

"I just want to make sure that I am getting better and feeling better each game," Crosby said. "I think as a group we played really well here in the last few. Most of the time we've done some really good things. We just want to keep building off that." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Miami meets with Smith after Manning snub



Alex Smith with the 49ers last season. **JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES FILE**

Even in the off-season, the Miami Dolphins' quarterback carousel keeps spinning.

After being spurned by Peyton Manning, the Dolphins had a brief, unproductive courtship with Matt Flynn, then turned their attention Sunday to Alex Smith, the San Francisco 49ers free agent.

Smith left the Miami complex after a 5 1/2-hour meeting. Dolphins officials declined to comment on any details about this visit.

The 49ers had been working to re-sign Smith but also went to North Carolina last Tuesday to watch Manning work out at Duke. Smith, the No. 1 overall

Pivots aplenty

17th

A new starting quarterback would be the Dolphins' 17th since Dan Marino retired after the 1999 season.

2005 draft pick, enjoyed his best season in 2011 under first-year 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh.

Smith and Manning have the same agent, Tom Condon.

Winless in the post-season since 2000, Miami made signing Manning their top priority, but he told them Thursday he would sign elsewhere.

They then courted Flynn,

the former Green Bay Packers backup who had ties to new Dolphins coach Joe Philbin.

Miami planned another QB interview Monday, when they were to host veteran David Garrard, a person familiar with the negotiations said. The person confirmed the visit to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team had not publicly discussed its plans.

Garrard, a starter for Jacksonville from 2005 to 2010, didn't play last season. He was released five days before the opener by the Jaguars, then underwent back surgery in October. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Flynn off the market

Matt Flynn visited Miami on Saturday, then agreed to terms Sunday on a three-year deal with the Seattle Seahawks.

- The move gives Seattle one of the most wanted — yet unproven — free agents. Flynn has been stuck behind All-Pro Aaron Rodgers in Green Bay.
- The terms of the deal were not released by the team, but ESPN.com reported that Flynn's deal is worth up to \$24 million US.

Canucks preview

Vancouver at Minnesota
5 p.m.

(Sportsnet Pacific)

The Canucks (43-20-8) visit Minnesota (29-32-10), which has lost three in a row and has two wins in its last 10 games. The Wild lost 5-3 to Carolina on Saturday, blowing a two-goal lead to lose their fifth straight home game. Kyle Brodziak has five points in his last four games. Brodziak has 37 points this season, tying the career-high mark he set last season. Mikko Koivu (shoulder) has missed the last 14 games, but could return tonight.

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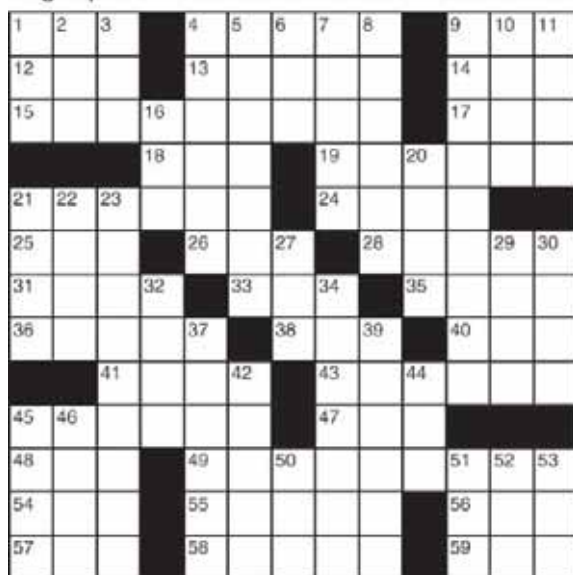
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24 Lotion additive
25 401(k) alternative
26 Red or Black
28 Power glitch
31 Supermarket stack
33 Knight's address
35 Streamlet
36 Island greeting
38 Unruly group
40 Greek consonants
41 Start from scratch

43 Daredevil's cord
45 Zigzag on the slopes
47 Lingerie item
48 Overactor
49 Praiseworthy speech
54 Eggs
55 Yonder
56 A Gabor sister
57 — de deux
58 Nymph pursuer
59 Society new-comer

Down

1 Cleopatra's slayer
2 Pod dweller
3 Corral



4 Household tasks
5 TV controls
6 "The Greatest"
7 Mell Lazarus comic strip
8 Filches
9 Catering (to)
10 Operatic solo
11 Depend (on)
16 Upper surface
20 Thy
21 Isinglass
22 Caspian feeder
23 Landscapes
27 Intent
29 Adhesive
30 Otherwise
32 Writer Silverstein
34 Theft

37 Takes as one's own
39 McDonald's offering
42 Nebraska city
44 Aye's opposite
45 Buy stuff
46 Volcanic outflow
50 Trawler need
51 Crimson
52 "— Got a Secret"
53 Taxi

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Friday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer



Send a kiss

- **I know what** If it is you, I, don't you wanna look back on this, this and before, and laugh, wondering why? Wtf was wrong with us? Why were we so shy and afraid? and thanking god we got past that in the end..hope that happens, rather sooner than later. From you really wish for
- **Pascalli.** The last time I saw you was at the library and the time before that I saw you in the internet cafe. I would like to see you again, can you come to me and we can kiss all day. Pascalli where are u, are u in toronto, or elsewhere, until we meet again. Kiss Kiss for u. From Jenn
- **Don't.** Yes I want you in my lif, especially outside of this! I wouldn't still be here if I didn't, and want you say something first, you can't say I haven't before, know your sorry, and swallowed my pride a long time ago, I'm completely shameless now, my feelings for you can't you tell?! swear you won't regret it! I want what I had before again and more! Oh, and you can see me now, you can forever, if you want to. From Second guess

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

What other people think about you is of no importance – the only thing that matters is that you have total self-belief.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You may be robust but you have limits like everyone else – not just physical but mental and emotional too.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Get other people interested in what you are doing.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Don't worry about what your colleagues may be doing, just do what is best for you.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

What

are the big questions of your existence? Strive to answer them.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Over the next few days you will meet a number of important people, the kind of people who can help you make your dream come true.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Aries this coming week will have a good effect on your relationships, so put partners and loved ones first.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

No one, but no one can ever be allowed to deny you freedom of speech.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Life will get rather hectic over

the next few days, but in a good way. Cosmic activity in the most creative area of your chart will inspire you to produce some of your finest artistic work.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Family and other disputes can and must be resolved today.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

A couple of friends will take opposing positions today and the potential for conflict is high.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

The planets indicate quite clearly that over the next few days you are going to have to deal with some kind of financial upheaval. It may be difficult but it certainly isn't a crisis.

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Tuesday

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